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SUMMARY: MAREI, SYG WFC, MEETING WITH KISSINGER MONDAY, AUGUST 26 CONFIRMED. AS REPORTED SEPARATELY, DISCUSSION OF WFC IN REGIONAL CONFERENCE DAILY ROUTINE WITH LITTLE PRESSURE FROM MAREI AND AZIZ FOR ANY PARTICULAR POINT OF VIEW. HOWEVER, IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE WAS EXERTED TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY AND ASSOCIATED PROPOSALS. LITTLE ENTHUSIASM EVIDENT ON PART LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES.

1. IN PRIVATE MEETING WITH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS, MAREI STRESSED NEED FOR SIMULTANEOUS ACTION ON A NUMBER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FRONTS, BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, AND REFERRED TO

ACTION PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO WFC. HE ARGUED THAT WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND WOULD OPERATE MAINLY THROUGH AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OF EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS. HE STRESSED NEED FOR INCREASED FLOW OF RESOURCES TO AGRICULTURE, HELD OUT CARROT THAT NEW STRUCTURE WOULD ATTRACT NEW RESOURCES, STATED THAT THERE WS PRESENTLYNO ADEQUATE LINK AMONG BODIES PROVIDING AID TO AGRICULTURE, AND EMPHASIZED VIEW NEW STRUCTURES WOULD NOT TAKE OVER FUNCTIONS OF EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS. MAREI REGARDED STRUCTURE NOT AS NEW ORGANIZATION BUT AS NEW MECHANISM WHICH WOULD FACILITATE WORK OF EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS.

- 2. WHEN PRESSED BY UNITED STATES ON QUESTION OF HOW SUCH A SET OF STRUCTURES COULD BE PREVENTED FROM ESTABLISHING ITS OWN PROGRAMS, MAREI REITERATED EARLIER POINTS, SAID NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WAS NEEDED, RECALLED THAT WFP WAS CREATED ON BASIS OF SURPLUSES, STRESSED NEED FOR NEW APPROACH TO WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS, AND SAID A NEW STRUCTURE WAS NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN FAO AND WFP. ALSO NEW STRUCTURE WOULD PROVIDE COORDINATING BODY, AND THAT IN ADDITION TO IBRD A NEW FINANCING BODY OF STRICTLY AGRICULTURAL NATURE WAS NEEDED. HE ALSO POINTED TO LACK OF ANY BODY THAT COULD ASSIST IN FINANCING RESERVE STOCKS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
- 3. INDEPENDENT FAO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN BULA HOYOS ASKED IF NEW WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY WOULD REPLACE FAO COUNCIL. HE ALSO CITED PROBELSM OF UNCOORDINATED ELECTIONS TO WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY IN UNGA AND FAO CONFERENCE. RESPONSE WAS THAT THESE PROBLEMS REQUIRED STUDY.
- 4. MEXICO AND VENEZUELA ASKED ABOUT ASSURANE OF OIL-COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS. MAREI SAID ARAB COUNTRIES WERE STUDYING PROPOSALS CAREFULLY, AND WHILE THERE WAS SOME POSITIVE EVIDENCE, HE WOULD NOT HAVE CLEAR INDICATION FOR PERHAPS TWO WEEKS. HE ADDED THERE WERE CURRENTLY TOO MANY PROPOSALS AND THERE WAS HOPE OF "SUCCESS" ONLY IF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCENTRATED ON ONE APPROACH.
- 5. URUGUAY AND CUBA ASKED ABOUT TRADE ASPECTS IN WFC AND WERE GIVEN STARNDARD RESPONSES INCLUDING ROLES OF GATT AND UNCTAD IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THESE MATTERS. AZIZ SPELLED OUT IN SOME DETAIL THE REFERENCES TO TRADE IN THREE CHAPTERS OF WFC DOCUMENTATION.

- 6. RE SECRETARIATS FOR FOOD AID AND WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY, AZIZ NOTED THESE FUNCTIONS COULD REMAIN WITH FAO BODIES.
- 7. AT END DISCUSSION FAO DG BOERMA INTERVENED TO SAY HE EXPECTS HAVE INTENSIVE INTERNAL FAO DISCUSSIONS ON MAIN ISSUES

OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS, AND THAT HE HAD NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND ON A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS INCLUDING WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY AND ASSOCIATED MECHANISMS.

8. WHEN QUERIED ON SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, AZIZ, WHILE EMPHASIZING THIS WAS MATTER FOR GOVERNMENTS, INDICATED LIKELY APPROACH OF ONE-HALF FROM OIL COUNTRIES AND ONE-HALF FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN ACCORD PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN.

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